

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 14, 2008, Applicant provides the following Declarations of John Barnes and Anthony Bruce Pike. As indicated in the Declarations of Messrs. Barnes and Pike, the materials suitable for use in the disclosed invention that are identified by DuPont product numbers T743, T749, and 98Wext/4 were not commercially available as medical sheeting prior to Applicant's priority date. Applicant believes that such Declarations are responsive to the inquiries set forth in the Office Action.

Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

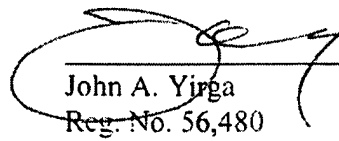
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing Remarks and Declarations, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in this Application are patentably distinct from all references cited and are in condition for allowance. Prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If any fees are determined to be due in connection with filing this Response or any other paper filed during prosecution of this application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to deposit account no. 20-0090.

If any extension of time is required in connection with filing this Response or any other paper filed during prosecution of this application, such an extension of time is petitioned for and hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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